

# SEPTEMBER DAYS AT AFTON HOTEL

Many Richmond People Spending  
End of Season at This  
Resort.

**Special to The Times-Dispatch**  
AFTON, VA., September 8.—A number of Richmond people arrived at Afton this week to spend September. The beautiful, cool autumn days have attracted many to outdoor sports, and large parties are climbing the mountains and hills, enjoying the glorious scenery, and returning with ravenous appetites, glowing cheeks and bright eyes.

An enjoyable fox hunt was given this week at Keweenick by Mr. Hugh Hamilton, in honor of Mrs. Hawthorne and McDaniel, of Richmond, and Mr. J. E. Goodies, of Afton, and others.

This week a farewell party was given the little folks at the Afton House, many of whom are leaving for their city homes and school. Even the tiny tots joined in the fun and in the grand march. Little Miss Mary Lumsden and Master James Archer Saunders, two-year-olds, of Richmond, created much amusement by their efforts to keep in line with older children. Dainty favors were presented, and ice cream and cake served to young and old.

Mrs. Gunst and family, after spending the whole season at the Afton House, left for their home in Hollywood, on Sunday. Mrs. Gunst has been one of the most popular young matrons at Afton for several seasons. Other Richmonders will leave for their homes this week among them Mrs. Everett Weddell and family, Mrs. W. Bailey Saunders and family, Mrs. Charles Lefew and family, Mrs. C. H. Ford, Mrs. George Lumsden, Dr. and Mrs. Cox and several others who have helped to make this popular resort more attractive than ever.

At the Kirby House after a most successful season it would seem as if the season has only begun. The house is full, and a number arrived from Richmond this week. Among others enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. White are Misses Edith Chalkley and Lucy King, Mrs. T. Johnston and Miss Agnes Johnston, Mrs. Shulberger and Miss Alice Shulberger, Miss Alice Phillips, Master Morton Phillips, Mrs. William Niles of Richmond; Mr. Clark Cross, Mrs. Lee, Washington; Mrs. Whittall, Sturges, and Mr. Stringfellow, guests of Mrs. E. L. Hopkins, near the

Arrivals at the Afton House this week are G. A. Massey, F. C. Lee and wife, Norfolk; Mrs. Dewitt P. Hubbard and son, Highland, Va.; R. L. Gathright, Richmond; Mrs. L. B. Janney, Richmond; C. S. Radford, Richmond; E. B. Jones, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dargan, H. M. Dargan, Louisville, Ky.; Irvin Goldbarth, Charleston, W. Va.; Guy Echelonrode, Baltimore; Mrs. M. E. May, State Store, Mrs. Ashley Cutshaw and son, Miss Margaret Cutshaw, Franklin, Va.; L. M. Morris and wife, Richmond; W. H. Green, Indianapolis, Ky.; C. H. West, Cloth; Mrs. J. W. Steele, J. D. Brewster, Philadelphia; Charles E. Kelley, Washington; C. A. James and wife, Portsmith; Rev. J. E. Cox, Mobile, Ala.; Charles Lefew, W. F. Gordon.

## THE YELLOW SULPHUR.

A Happy Colony Which Delights in Autumn Pleasures.

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YELLOW SULPHUR SPRINGS, VA., September 8.—The St. John's Hotel, Mrs. Proudt, Wade and a host of other friends, new and old, will remain to enjoy that most pleasant of all months in the mountains. September. Mrs. and Miss Bull of Norfolk, and Mrs. Crumpton, of St. Louis, are late arrivals, who have been warmly welcomed. Mrs. Crumpton, as

## Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

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The Present Condition of Man Vindicated  
(From "The Essay on Man," Book I.)

By ALEXANDER POPE.

Other selections from this author, biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

Heav'n from all creatures hides the book of Fate,  
All but the page prescribed, their present state;  
From brutes what men, from men what spirits know,  
Or who could suffer being here below?  
The lamb thy riot dooms to bleed to-day,  
Had he thy reason, would he skip and play?  
Pleas'd to the last, he crops the flow'r thy food,  
And licks the hand just rais'd to shed his blood.  
O! blindness to the future, kindly given,  
That each may fill the circle marked by Heav'n;  
Who sees with equal eye, as God of all,  
A hero perish, or a sparrow fall;  
Atoms or systems into ruin hurl'd,  
And now a bubble burst, and now a world.

Hop humbly, then, with trembling pinions soar;  
Walt the great teacher, Death, and God adore.  
What future bliss, he gives not thee to know,  
But gives that Hope to be thy blessing now;  
Hope springs eternal in the human breast;

Man never is, but always to be blest;  
The soul, uneasy and confund'd from home,  
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.

Lo, the poor Indian! whose untutor'd mind  
Sees God in clouds, and hears him in the wind;  
His soul proud Scence never taught to stray  
Far as the solar walk, or milky way;

Yet simple Nature to his hope has given,  
Behind the cloud-topp'd hill, a humbler heav'n;  
Some safer world in depth of woods embrac'd,

Some happier island in the watry waste,  
Where slaves once more their native land beheld,  
No floods torment, nor Christians thirst for gold.

To be, contents his natural desire,  
He asks no angel's wing, no seraph's fire;  
But thinks, admitted to that equal sky,

His faithful dog shall bear him company.

Go, wiser thou! and in thy scale of sense  
Call imperfection what thou fanciest such,  
Say, here he gives too little, there too much;

Destroy all creatures for the sport or gust;  
Yet cry, if Man's unhappy, God's unjust;

If man alone engross not Heav'n's high care,

Alone made perfect here, immortal there;

Shated from his hand the balance and the rod,  
Re-judge his justice, be the God of God.

In pride in reasoning pride, our error lies;  
All quit their sphere, and rush into the skies,  
Pride still is aiming at the blest abodes,

Men would be Angels, Angels would be Gods.

Aspiring to be Angels, Men rebel;

And who but wishes to revert the laws

Of Order sins against th' Eternal Cause.

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## LYNCHBURG SOCIETY

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LYNCHBURG, VA., September 8.—Much interest is being taken in Lynchburg by her many friends in the marriage of Miss Lucy Wormley, of Richmond, who is to become the wife of Mr. Stewart Crawford, of Montreal, Canada. In New York City on September 29th. On account of the serious illness of the prospective bride's mother, who is at Clinton Springs, N. Y., the wedding will be a very quiet affair, and it will be solemnized at the residence of Judge Roger A. Fryer. Miss Wormley spent some time in the city last winter as the guest of Mrs. Charles M. Blackford.

Owing to the fact that the past months of summer have not been propitious for boating and bathing on account of the unusually large number of rains, the members of the Swimming Boat Club are hopeful that the remaining days of the summer will be favorable for these out-door pastimes. If the weather is such that boating can be enjoyed, the James River above the city will be open during the afternoons and evenings from now until the weather becomes cold enough to cause the social set to think of card parties, etc. This club is purely a social organization among the best people of the city, and probably no other organization of like nature in Virginia is so well equipped for its purposes as this.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Andrews of Hart-dorf, Md., have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter to Mr. Claude H. Wilson of Edinburg. The wedding will take place in November.

Miss M. V. French and son, Mr. William French and daughter, Miss Florence French, left here on Wednesday for Philadelphia, Pa., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. French's brother, Mr. O. L. Schoenover, who died suddenly on Tuesday.

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